

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above amendments and allowance.

Support for the present claim amendments can be found in the original specification at, at least, for example, page 11, original claims 19 and 26, and Figure 4.

The presently amended claims do not raise the issue of new matter. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above claims, withdrawal of all rejections and objections, and issuance of a notice of allowance.

Claims 11-13, 15-18, 20-25, 28-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as their invention. In particular, in claims 11, 20, 28-30, the term "to which the flexible tape type support contacts, through the adhesive later" is stated to have no clear meaning.

The claims have been amended above and this rejection is obviated. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claims 11-13, 15-16, 20-24 and 27-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted Prior Art on pages 1 and 2 of the specification (Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Publications SHO Nos. 55-134822 and 56-60730) in view of Tomaiuolo (U.S. Patent No. 5,782,786) and Haines (U.S. Patent No. 3,835,995) or Katzner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,155,423) and Cronk et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,769,428). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

The present claims are directed to a roll type transdermal patch roll that has a coating on a tape support of an adhesive having therein a percutaneously

absorbable drug. Independent claims 11, 20, 27 and 28 have a coating that is continuous and all over one side surface of the tape support; claims 11, 20 and 28 have a covering layer laminated on the adhesive layer while claim 27 does not have the covering layer.

Japanese SHO Nos. 55-134822 and 56-60730 do not disclose or suggest a continuous coating of an adhesive all over one side of a tape support, nor do they disclose or suggest a covering layer on the adhesive layer. See, especially, the claims and figures for each publication.

The secondary reference, Tomaiuolo, does not overcome the deficiencies of the primary references. Tomaiuolo discloses an adhesive bandage on a roll, but does not disclose or suggest a covering layer or a continuous coating of an adhesive containing a percutaneously absorbable drug.

Haines and Katzner do not overcome the deficiencies of the primary references. Haines and Katzner disclose laminated packages with perforation lines, but clearly do not disclose or suggest either of a covering layer or a continuous coating of an adhesive containing a percutaneously absorbable drug.

Cronk does not overcome the above-stated deficiencies of the primary references.

Withdrawal of this rejection is in order, and requested.

Claims 17-18 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the references applied above with respect to claims 11 and 20, and further in view of Piraneo et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,924,573), Kennedy (U.S. Patent No. 5,655,659) and Augst et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,496,605). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

The additional teachings of these four references do not overcome the above-stated deficiencies of the references as applied above.


Withdrawal of this rejection is in order, and requested.

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Applicants have sought to address all matters in an effort to place their application in condition for an allowance. Applicants request consideration and a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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